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# **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY**



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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**(National-North Dakota Stores Affected) FSIS releases list of some retail locations believed to have received recalled ground beef.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service released May 21 a list of retailers in nine States that may have received products that were part of a 1.8 million pound ground beef recall issued by Wolverine Packing Company May 19 due to possible E. coli O157:H7 contamination. As of May 19, officials received reports of 11 people in 4 States being sickened in connection to the recalled product.

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/05/fsis-releases-list-of-retail-locations-likely-to-have-received-recalled-ground-beef/>

**(Crosby) Oil, brine spill in Crosby; farm field affected.** Samson Resources Company reported that 100 barrels of brine and 140 barrels of oil spilled in Crosby, North Dakota, May 19 due to a failure of a valve on a saltwater disposal well. An unknown amount of oil and brine reached a farm field and a shelter belt while 90 barrels of brine and 65 barrels of oil were recovered by May 21.

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/science/article/Oil-brine-spill-in-Crosby-farm-field-affected-5495828.php>

**(Watford City)** 15-year-old girl critically injured in North Dakota tornado. A person critically injured when a tornado struck a worker camp in the western North Dakota oil patch has been identified as a 15-year-old girl. McKenzie County Emergency Manager Jerry Samuelson says the girl was visiting an aunt and uncle in the camp. [http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/year-old-girl-critically-injured-in-north-dakota-tornado/article\\_931071a2-e591-11e3-9b8e-001a4bcf887a.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/year-old-girl-critically-injured-in-north-dakota-tornado/article_931071a2-e591-11e3-9b8e-001a4bcf887a.html)

**(North Dakota) BNSF chairman says progress being made on ND delays** A top BNSF executive said Wednesday the railroad is catching up with a backlog of fertilizer shipments and orders to move North Dakota farm products to market, but wet weather has hampered progress.

<http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/435429/>

## **REGIONAL**

**(Minnesota)** **Prairie Island generator shut down for repairs.** The operators of the Prairie Island Nuclear Plant near Red Wing shut down the plant's Unit 2 reactor May 18 after an obstruction in a pump's drain piping was found. Repairs were expected to be completed within a few days.

<http://www.wxow.com/story/25556904/2014/05/19/prairie-island-generatorshut-down-for-repairs>

**(Wisconsin)** **State, We Energies settle Kenosha County power plant pollution case.** We Energies agreed to pay \$50,000 in penalties and forfeitures in a settlement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources regarding allegations that the utility's natural gas-fired Paris Generating Station in Kenosha County violated air pollution regulations for nearly 2 years. Regulators halted the operation of the plant in 2012 after emissions exceeded State standards of nitrogen oxide pollution. <http://www.jsonline.com/business/state-we-energies-settle-kenosha-county-power-plant-pollution-case-b99275243z1-260200951.html>

**(North Dakota, Montana)** **There is no danger with Bakken crude.** Bakken crude is no more volatile than other forms of crude, according to the results of a study commissioned by the North Dakota Petroleum Council.

[http://www.willistonherald.com/most\\_recent/there-is-no-danger-with-bakken-crude/article\\_72975d1c-e10b-11e3-b470-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.willistonherald.com/most_recent/there-is-no-danger-with-bakken-crude/article_72975d1c-e10b-11e3-b470-0019bb2963f4.html)

## **NATIONAL**

**(National)** **Nest recalling 440K smoke alarms for safety risk.** Nest Labs announced a recall May 21 for 440,000 of its Nest Protect Smoke + CO alarms due to a feature that can temporarily disable the alarm sound with an arm wave. The company is offering an electronic update to disable the feature.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/nest-recalling-440k-smoke-alarms-safety-risk-23814103>

**(National)** **Hacker 'Helped US Foil Hundreds Of Attacks'.** Prosecutors in New York revealed for the first time the extent of the cooperation of Hector Xavier Monsegur, who infiltrated the servers of major corporations before helping

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disrupt hacks on Congress, Nasa and other sensitive targets.

<http://news.sky.com/story/1269800/hacker-helped-us-foil-hundreds-of-attacks>

### **INTERNATIONAL**

**(International) U.S. charges China with cyber-spying on American firms.** The U.S. Department of Justice announced criminal charges May 19 against five members of the Chinese military's Unit 61398 for allegedly conducting cyberespionage against U.S. solar power, nuclear power, and metals manufacturing companies for the purpose of stealing trade secrets. <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/u-s-charges-china-cyber-spying-american-firms-n108706>

**(International) Public utility compromised after brute-force attack, DHS says.** The Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) stated in a report that an undisclosed public utility was compromised via a brute-force attack on an Internet-facing host that used a simple password system. ICS-CERT determined that the utility's systems were likely exposed to numerous threats prior to the identified intrusion. [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9248473/Public\\_utility\\_compromised\\_after\\_brute\\_force\\_attack\\_DHS\\_says](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9248473/Public_utility_compromised_after_brute_force_attack_DHS_says)

**(International) Russia and China sign historic \$400bn gas deal.** Russia's President Vladimir Putin has pulled off a major political coup by securing a landmark \$400bn (£236bn) gas agreement with China, a move that will come as a blow to US efforts to isolate the Kremlin. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/energy/10846300/Russia-and-China-sign-historic-400bn-gas-deal.html>

**(International) Security breach at eBay – change your passwords now.** eBay advised all users to change their passwords after it detected an intrusion that compromised a database containing encrypted passwords and other non-financial data. eBay stated that attackers were able to compromise a small number of employee login credentials between February and March, giving them access to eBay's corporate network. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Security-Breach-at-eBay-Change-Your-Passwords-Now-443257.shtml>

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**(Ukraine) Fierce fighting closes Donetsk airport, claims dozens of lives.** A battle between pro-Russia separatists and government forces at Donetsk airport in eastern Ukraine has claimed 40 lives, authorities said Tuesday, in what is the deadliest outbreak of violence yet in the flashpoint city.

[http://www.cnn.com/2014/05/27/world/europe/ukraine-crisis/index.html?hpt=hp\\_bn2](http://www.cnn.com/2014/05/27/world/europe/ukraine-crisis/index.html?hpt=hp_bn2)

**(International) China Halts Cybersecurity Cooperation After U.S. Spying Charges.** China's decision to suspend its involvement in a cybersecurity working group with the U.S. after being accused of commercial spying threatens to undo efforts aimed at finding common ground to tackle hacking.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-05-20/china-suspends-cybersecurity-cooperation-with-u-s-after-charges.html>

### **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**(International) LifeLock snaps shut Wallet mobile app over credit card leak fears.** LifeLock removed its Wallet app from application markets and deleted user data as a precaution due to undisclosed elements of the app being incompatible with the payment card industry's Data Security Standard (PCI DSS), according to a company statement.

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/05/19/lifelock\\_yanks\\_mobile\\_app/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/05/19/lifelock_yanks_mobile_app/)

### **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

**Nothing Significant to Report**

### **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**(Virginia) Explosion of two plastic 'bottle bombs' leads to NoVa theater evacuation.** About 2,000 people were evacuated from the AMC Theater and a nearby food court at Tysons Corner Center in McLean, Virginia, May 18 after two devices made out of plastic bottles filled with acid and metals exploded inside the theater. Authorities reported no injuries and are investigating the incident.

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Tysons-Movie-Popping-Water-Bottle-Evacuation-259709221.html>

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**(Missouri) HazMat leak shuts down Dearborn rest area.** The southbound rest area off Interstate 29 near Dearborn was closed for several hours May 23 while HAZMAT crews worked to contain liquid organic peroxide leaking from a semi-truck onto the parking lot and into the grass.

<http://www.kshb.com/news/state/missouri/haz-mat-leak-shuts-down-highway-rest-area>

### **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**(National) Hyundai recalls Tucson SUVs due to airbag issue.** Hyundai announced a recall of 137,500 model year 2011-2014 Tucson vehicles due to the vehicles' steering wheel airbags being improperly mounted, which could cause the airbags to come loose and increase the risk of injury in a crash.

<http://abc7.com/news/hyundai-recalls-tucson-suvs-due-to-airbag-issue/65346/>

**(National) GM issues more recalls, this time for 2.42 million vehicles.** General Motors issued recalls May 20 for a total of 2.42 million vehicles of several models from the 2000-2015 model years for four separate issues.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-autos-gm-another-recall-20140520-story.html>

### **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(North Carolina) Lincoln County reports 3-hour 911 outage.** Emergency 9-1-1 service across several counties in North Carolina was down and telecommunications personnel at the Lincoln County 9-1-1 center reported a failure of the system to AT&T May 21. AT&T notified the county that the system was repaired and was fully-operational after suffering a 3-hour outage.

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<http://www.wcnc.com/news/neighborhood-news/Lincoln-County-reports-3-hour-911-outage-260168821.html>

### **ENERGY**

**(Florida) Port St. John gas line rupture under investigation.** Officials are investigating after a 36-inch natural gas pipeline leaked in Brevard County May 17 prompting nearby homes to evacuate in Port St. John and halting train and vehicle traffic for nearly 3 hours. Crews inspected the west side of U.S. 1 near the Florida Power & Light plant after receiving reports of a loud noise.

<http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2014/05/17/gas-leak-promptsevacuations-in-north-cocoa/9210351/>

**(Kentucky) Crews trying to keep Powell County oil spill from polluting drinking water supply.** Powell County crews worked to contain an oil spill and prevent it from reaching the Red River, potentially impacting drinking water in the area, after thieves caused around 1,000 gallons to spill May 15 while attempting to steal a pipe from a disused oil tank.

<http://www.wkyt.com/news/crimetracker/headlines/Theft-causes-Powell-County-oil-spill-259478401.html>

### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**(National) 37 Salmonella cases in 18 States linked to frozen feeder rodents.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced May 20 that 37 people from 18 States were infected between January 11 and May 13 with an outbreak strain of Salmonella Typhimurium after coming in contact with frozen feeder rodents packaged by Reptile Industries Inc., that were distributed to PetSmart stores nationwide. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a warning May 20 advising against the use of frozen mice packaged by the company since January 11 due to possible Salmonella contamination.

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/05/cdc-reports-37-salmonella-cases-in-18-states-linked-to-frozen-feeder-rodents>

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### **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(New York) Cops: Brooklyn fourth-graders arrested for allegedly trying to poison teacher.** Authorities arrested two New York City fourth grade students at P.S. 315 May 20 for allegedly attempting to poison a teacher May 19. Police stated that a substance similar to rat poison was added to the teacher's water bottle causing her to become nauseous and require hospitalization.

<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2014/05/21/cops-brooklyn-fourth-graders-arrested-for-allegedly-trying-to-poison-teacher/>

**(International) U.S. Navy petty officer based in Japan pleads guilty in international bribery scandal.** A U.S. Navy petty officer pleaded guilty May 20 to charges alleging he accepted more than \$10,000 in cash, travel expenses, and consumer electronics from Singapore-based defense contractor Glenn Defense Marine Asia, which provided port services to U.S. Navy ships in the Asia Pacific region, in exchange for classified U.S. Navy information. A total of six individuals were charged in the scheme that cost the U.S. Navy more than \$20 million.

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2014/May/14-crm-537.html>

**(New Mexico) U.S. President declares the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks region of N.M. a national monument.** The U.S. President signed an order May 21 protecting nearly 500,000 acres of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks region of New Mexico. The order classifies the area as a national monument.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/05/21/obama-declares-the-organ-mountains-desert-peaks-region-of-n-m-a-national-monument/>

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**(International) Record month for Linux trojans.** Researchers at Dr. Web identified a record-high number of trojans for the Linux operating system thus far in the month of May, with variants of three separate trojans appearing to be created by the same author. The majority of the trojans are designed to carry out distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks and can infect Linux desktop, server, and ARM distributions. [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2768](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2768)

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**(International) Point-of-sale attacks accounted for a third of data breaches in 2013, report says.** Trustwave released a report on data breaches that the company investigated in 2013, which found that e-commerce intrusions accounted for 54 percent of investigated data breaches, while point-of-sale (POS) system intrusions constituted 33 percent of data breaches, among other findings.  
<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2014/052114-point-of-sale-attacks-accounted-for-a-281793.html>

**(International) New Internet Explorer zero-day details released after Microsoft fails to patch.** Details of an unpatched zero-day vulnerability in Microsoft's Internet Explorer (IE) 8 browser were released by HP's Zero Day Initiative after the researcher that discovered the flaw reported it 6 months ago. The vulnerability is classified as a use-after-free flaw and could allow an attacker to gain the same user rights as a user who is brought to a malicious Web site.  
<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2014/052214-new-internet-explorer-zero-day-details-281820.html>

**(International) A billion shortened URLs go down following DoS attack.** Link-shortening service is.gd was disrupted May 18 due to a denial-of-service (DoS) attack that made around a billion links shortened by the service unavailable.  
<http://www.scmagazine.com/a-billion-shortened-urls-go-down-following-dos-attack/article/347958/>

## PUBLIC HEALTH

**(Connecticut) Pharmacy tech stole thousands of pills: Police.** A Stoll's Pharmacy employee was arrested and charged for allegedly stealing around 2,500 prescription pills from the Waterbury pharmacy. An audit found that around 20,000 pills were missing from the pharmacy and surveillance videos captured the technician stealing bottles of pills from a safe.  
<http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Pharmacy-Tech-Stole-Thousands-of-Pills-Police-259539161.html>

**(Alabama) Tuskegee VA evacuated after bomb threat.** Over 100 patients from three buildings at the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System East Campus in Tuskegee were evacuated for more than 4 hours May 20 due to a bomb threat. Police conducted a search and cleared the scene after nothing suspicious was

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found. <http://www.wsfa.com/story/25569446/tuskegee-va-evacuated-after-bomb-threat>

### **TRANSPORTATION**

**(Arizona)** Allegiant flight evacuated in Arizona over smell. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating after passengers on Allegiant Air Flight 142 were evacuated using emergency slides May 19 at the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport after the pilot reported smelling an unknown chemical prior to departing for Wichita, Kansas. <http://news.msn.com/us/allegiant-flight-evacuated-in-arizona-over-smell>

### **WATER AND DAMS**

**(Wisconsin)** Dozens of Milwaukee water mains break as utility scrambles to fix leak. Crews in Milwaukee worked May 18 through May 19 to repair 33 water main breaks that occurred mostly in the city's northwest area following the shutdown of a pumping station. The shutdown of the pumping station due to an 84-inch pipe leak led to the shutdown of a second station, which necessitated an increase of water pressure at a third station, leading to the water main breaks. <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/dozens-of-milwaukee-water-mains-break-as-utility-scrambles-to-fix-leak-b99272885z1-259714511.html>

### **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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